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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: USUI et al
Serial No.: 10/790,185
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For: Semiconductor Production Apparatus
Art Unit: 1763
Examiner: R. Kackar

LETTER

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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April 6, 2007

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants filed electronically, a petition for an extension of time on April 5, 2007, which did not include the electronic signature, as shown by the attached copy. Submitted herewith is a signed Petition noting that the fee was paid on April 5, 2007 so that continuation application Serial No. 11/696,878, filed April 5, 2007 has proper copendency.

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit the filing of a response within the first month subsequent to the expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed December 6, 2006.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43580X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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